

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: May 11, 2011

East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Linda Sinsigallo. Commissioners Stremper, Nelson and Sherman were present as well as Chief of Police Edward DeMarco and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Commissioner Sauerhoefer was absent (excused). Also in attendance was Kathy Pippin (BOF).

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairman Sinsigallo requested a discussion regarding a Journal Inquirer article be added under New Business.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sherman to add "JI article" under 7. New Business. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper/Nelson

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 13, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to accept the regular meeting minutes of 4/13/11 as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherman. No further discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper/Nelson

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to accept the monthly billing as of 5/5/11, including animal control, in the total amount of \$ 14,170.80. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper.

Commissioner Nelson asked if the animal control vehicle is now completely repaired. Deputy Chief Hart responded that most of the issues are now taken care of. Chief DeMarco added that there was a second wave of repairs to the vehicle last month – transmission issue. Also, this month, the ABS system failure, brake service and sway bar replacement was done. The (2004) vehicle has approximately 102,000 miles on it.

No further questions/discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to accept the monthly financial statements, as submitted. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to approve the monthly billing as of 4/30/11 in the total amount of \$ 125.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 4/30/11, as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief DeMarco has been attending meetings about the upcoming traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall. Chief states that contingencies have been put into place to handle large crowds, traffic, parking and residents in the area. He expects Saturday may be the busiest day. There will be a temporary No Parking Order in place on Reservoir Ave which will be enforced if violated. The wall will be arriving on Wednesday 5/18 around 1:00pm and stay until Sunday 5/22/11. The large event will also include flyovers, aircraft, ceremonies and museums.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Journal Inquirer article (5/7/11): Chairman Sinsigallo handed out copies to all members. Brief discussion followed with Chairman Sinsigallo urging members to email or call Rep. Christopher Davis to express any concerns. Representative Davis is on the committee.

Chief DeMarco added that the bill was postponed and that the CT Chief of Police Association opposes this bill. He explained why the testing and background checks are important in hiring the right person and finding a good fit. Chief continued by stating that if the bill passes, he is not sure if they can still do any testing – the final written form of the bill will state what is/isn't allowed. "Bad" candidates have been eliminated (from the hiring pool) by these tests.

Commissioner Nelson asked if the Police Commission can decide if tests can be presented. Chief DeMarco responded that lateral transfers may not be a viable option in the future if this bill goes through. He added that there are financial risks as well.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. EW Police Commission letter to the EW Police Union, Local 3583 dated 4/14/11.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

A) Chief of Police –

Chief DeMarco handed out blue “COPS” banners to all commission members. The banners honor fallen police officers, as May 15 is Police Officer Memorial Day and the week of May 15-May 21 is National Police Week.

B) Commission Members:

Commissioner Stremper updated the commission on the recent pension meeting. He reports that Mass Mutual attended the last meeting. Commissioner Stremper also states that the board is starting to manage it better and the pension will be fully funded with the budget this year. Next meeting is scheduled for 5/26/11 and Mass Mutual will finish their presentation. Also, Commissioner Stremper mentioned that they are “unbundling” – breaking up investments/advisory part.

Commissioner Sherman took a moment to acknowledge and thank the police department for their work at both Community Day and for their involvement with Abby’s Walk. He stated that the police did a great job controlling the walk with no incidences and there were no complaints. The police handled things very well.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Stremper to go into Executive Session to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart (7:20pm). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Nelson.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper/Nelson

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session ended at 7:51pm.

No action taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Nelson made a **MOTION** to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52pm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherman.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper/Nelson

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pellegrini - EWPC Recording Secretary